



*The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.*

St. Augustine

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2025

Issue 3

Town of Amo Town Council meetings are public meetings. If we have concerns or issues regarding the town, the Town Council meeting is where we should express them. Upon entering the Community Building a Comment Form is available for us to fill out to include our name, the concern and that we would like to speak.



### TOWN OF AMO

### 9/11 DINNER

### AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING

**Thursday, 9/11/25 / 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.**

**We will be honoring Veterans & First Responders —  
Military, Police, Fire Department Personnel, EMT's**

**The public is invited to join us for the evening as we honor our heroes!**

**Chili, Hot Dogs, Veggies and Desserts will be served!**

**Donations Accepted.**

#### PLEASE NOTE:

On Saturday, September 20, 2025, Pearl Street between School & Railroad Streets will be closed for most of the day for the Amo 1st Baptist Annual Car Show.



#### PLEASE NOTE:

The Amo Reading Room and Amo Interurban History Museum will be open on Saturday, September 20, 2025, during the Amo 1st Baptist Car Show! Be sure to get "ticketed" by the Amo Marshal, take it to the Interurban and deposit it in the raffle basket for a chance to win a cool basket! While you are there, check out the Reading Room & Interurban History Museum!

In May of 2023 Governor Eric Holcomb has signed into law a requirement for government meetings in Indiana to be live streamed or recorded. The Governor signed the HEA 1167 on May 1, but the new law did not take effect until July 1, 2025. It applies to school boards, state agencies, counties, cities, towns and townships and any governing body that conducts regular meetings in the same meeting room. It requires the agency to live stream its meetings and archive a copy of the meeting's recording. (Extracted from a 2023 Press Release) Live-streaming of the Town of Amo Town Council meetings may be accessed at [YOUTUBE.COM / Town of Amo, IN Monthly Meeting](https://www.youtube.com/TownofAmo).



## KEEPING YOU IN THE

*REACH ALERT has already proved to be a very effective communication tool! Please consider signing up!*



May 14, 2025

To All Residents & Businesses of Amo:

We understand the importance of communicating with you to ensure that we keep you in the loop regarding events affecting our community. As a result, we are pleased to announce that we are initiating a new alert and notification service called REACH Alert.

This new service will allow us to immediately share important information regarding a number of items, including road closures/delays due to construction or accidents, hazmat situations, AMBER/Silver alerts, police actions and civic events.

As good as this service is, if you do not register, we cannot share important information with you. You decide if you want to receive a text message, voice call, or an email. Each household can register as many phone numbers and email addresses as you need. All you need to do is:

1. Go to [www.v2.reachalert.com](http://www.v2.reachalert.com) and enter Amo in the Select a network box and click on our name when it appears.
2. Follow the prompts and enter your preferred contact information.
3. When you enter your address (please enter your physical address). If Coatesville comes up as the address city, but your address is Amo, just enter Amo to override.

Once you have successfully completed your registration, REACH Alert will send you a confirmation text or email. If you do not receive this message, please call Reach Alert.

If you do not have access to a computer or if you experience any difficulty registering, please contact REACH Alert at 1.877.307.9313. They will help complete your registration in about 1 minute!

Remember, if you do not register, you will not receive our messages.

THANK YOU!

Amo Town Council  
Town of Amo Indiana



## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



### AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### FOR EMERGENCIES

**911**

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Chris Nelson  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE:** John Vehling  
**PATROL OFFICER:** David Gunn  
**PATROL OFFICER:** Ben Oliphant  
**DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN:** Rev. Shelly Zook

**When Driving Through Town Remember To:**  
 Dim Your Lights / Observe the Speed Zone /  
 Watch for Kids

**Contact Amo Police**

**@ 317.539.6030**

## A REMINDER TO OUR COMMUNITY

### Firearms and Dangerous Projectiles

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#### § 130.05 DISCHARGE OF AIR GUNS AND ARCHERY WEAPONS.

It is unlawful for any person to discharge an air gun or archery weapon within the corporate limits of the town, or jurisdictional area established by § 130.03, except in the manner and for the purposes hereafter provided.  
 (Prior Code, § 4-2-5) Penalty, see § 130.99

#### § 130.06 DANGEROUS PROJECTILES GENERALLY.

In addition to the restrictions imposed by §§ 130.04 and 130.05, it is also unlawful to discharge, hurl, or throw any dangerous projectile whatever:

- (A) If the projectile; traverses a street, road, alley, or other public thoroughfare; or
- (B) In any public place or establishment and in a way that the persons assembled or passing there, or any valuable property, would be imperiled by that action.  
 (Prior Code, § 4-2-5) Penalty, see § 130.99

#### § 130.07 AUTHORIZED FIREARM RANGES; PERMIT; APPROVAL OF TOWN MARSHAL.

(A) A firearm may be discharged upon an authorized indoor or outdoor firing range or skeet shooting range for the purposes of target practice, sport competition, or weapons training.

(B) Any person wishing to maintain and operate a public or private firing range or skeet shooting range must apply for a permit to the Town Marshal, on a form to be prescribed by the Town Marshal.

(C) The application shall provide at least the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person or organization wishing to operate the firing range or skeet shooting range;
- (2) Whether the range will be open for the general public, or whether it will be operated as a private range restricted to the use of an individual and his or her family or guests, or to the members of an organization and their guests;
- (3) The location of the proposed range, and the general plan of its design and layout, and, if an outdoor range, a general plan or description of the surrounding environs within 500 feet in any direction, with specifications and details as the Town Marshal requires;
- (4) A description of the types of firearms or other weapons intended to be used on the range, and the nature of the shooting activities to be conducted there; and

## TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS MAY, JUNE, JULY 2025

### MAY

Clean-up went very well, and we thank everyone who puts effort to keep Amo "junk free"!

The Interurban hired a company to help us "bird proof" our museum/library building. Tiles and roof work were done.

The Town committed to a new program called REACH ALERT. See Page 2 for details.

May 9 was Beautify Amo Day by Mill Creek West students. The Town appreciates this.

### JUNE

The Fish Fry went well. Gina Wicks also spent time and money to "beautify Amo downtown". Thanks, Gina!

Community Crossings Grant will replace two blocks of North Street.

We will be broadcasting on You Tube our town meetings starting at the July meeting

The Amo Post Office building received a new air/heating system.

### JULY

Our first month to live-stream went well! Thank you to Clerk-Treasurer Barb Strahl and our "IT guy" Mike Spilker!

Police Department radios will be updated.

We are the proud owner of a new-to-us vehicle for our Police Department!





## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



### VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

If you would like to enjoy the Vandalia Trail with others, following are some activities planned by Friends of the Vandalia Trail, by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, and by National Road Heritage Trail, Inc. this summer.

Weekly Group Bike Rides: 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday each month, 6:30 PM, May-Sep, [nrht.org/vandalia](http://nrht.org/vandalia) (Amo trailhead)

Summer Fun Run/Walk: August 6, Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 PM, visit [www.pfohc.org](http://www.pfohc.org) for info on the weekly summer series and to register. (Amo trailhead)

Group Bike Ride Greencastle-Amo: Saturday, Sep. 20, 9:30 AM, [nrht.org/vandalia](http://nrht.org/vandalia) (Greencastle trailhead across from Walmart)

For more news and updates, please also visit [nrht.org/vandalia](http://nrht.org/vandalia).

Enjoy the trails!

Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.  
[nrht.org](http://nrht.org), [greg@nrht.org](mailto:greg@nrht.org)

### READING ROOM / INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM

*Wi-Fi Available in the Interurban*

*Open Hours*

*Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5 — 7 PM*

*Wednesdays: 10 AM — Noon*

*First Saturday of Each Month: 10 AM — Noon*



Miss Kelsey is ready  
to greet you!

Have you been in since  
we rearranged  
everything?!

Better lighting, too!



READ  
KNOW  
LEARN  
GO

The Museum continues  
to receive some cool  
memorabilia!



"Check out" a book at the  
LITTLE LIBRARY

Located at the trailhead  
Feel free to add books as well!





## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

### TOWN OF AMO NEWSLETTER

Besides our Post Office Boxes, we have approximately 90 newsletters that get mailed. As the cost to produce and mail our quarterly newsletter continues to increase, we would request that if you have an e-mail address that we could send your newsletter to, we would appreciate it if you would allow us to do so. Please contact Becky Rhea @ rar-hea23@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

### THANK YOU TO....

Amo Fire Department and Cascade Youth League for another terrific Fish Fry Festival! We so appreciate you all and your families for your dedication and commitment to our community! This event is not only about the fish and food; it is about the annual gathering of people who may only see each other once a year, and it draws people from all of our surrounding communities and even other counties! We can't wait to see what you do for the 75th year!

The gentleman who took down last year's Military banners and hung the new Military and Town of Amo banners!

Phil Strahl of Kase Electric and Dustin Strahl for switching out the lights in the Interurban Station—sure makes the lighting much better!

Mill Creek West Elementary administration, teacher, 5th graders, and parents who beautified our downtown area. We are also grateful to Gina Wicks for adding additional flowers, American flags and keeping them all watered!

### MILL CREEK WEST ELEMENTARY



Mill Creek West Elementary School

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Just some reminders - Popsicles with Mrs Schafer has been moved to Monday 7/28!

7/28 - Popsicles w/Mrs. Schafer on the playground! 6-8pm

7/30 Kindergarten Open House/BTS Night 6pm-7pm  
(Kindergarten Students & those families only)

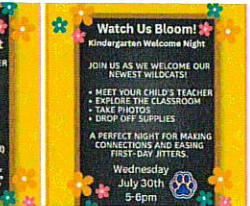
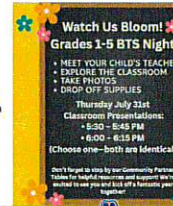
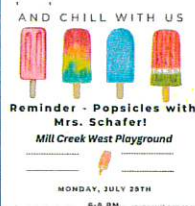
7/31 Back to School Open House/Supply Drop Off for grades 1-5 starts at 5pm -6:30pm Presentation at 5:30-5:45 and a second round of presentations at 6:00-6:15

8/1 First Day of School

8/7 School Pictures (forms will be sent home/available at BTS Night)

9/1 - Labor Day - No School for Students or Staff

9/26- Grandparents' Day 1-3pm



### 2025 TOX-AWAY DAYS

April 5  
Brownsburg  
East Middle  
School

May 3  
Hendricks Co.  
Fairgrounds

July 12  
Hickory  
Elementary  
School, Avon

Aug. 16  
Hendricks Co.  
Fairgrounds

Oct. 18  
West Side of  
Hummel Park,  
Plainfield



**Tox-Away Days are open from 8 am to 1 pm.** Hendricks County households are encouraged to use these events to recycle and dispose of household hazardous wastes, tires, electronics, & appliances. All household hazardous waste (HHW) is accepted free of charge. Common examples include:

- Oil-based Paints
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Cleaners/Solvents
- Mercury Thermometers
- Auto Fluids/Fuels
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Fire Extinguishers
- Medicines
- Medical Sharps
- Propane Tanks
- Batteries
- Adhesives/Putties
- Pool/Spa Chemicals
- Fertilizers
- Poisons

Water-based paint is non-hazardous and should not be brought to Tox-Away Day for disposal. Instead, dry it out & throw it away. Watch a quick video demo here: [RecycleHC.org/LatestPaintDrying](https://RecycleHC.org/LatestPaintDrying)

Fees are charged for TVs (\$20/\$25), large appliances (\$5/\$10), & some tires. Cash & check only.

Regulations prohibit waste from businesses or other organizations from being accepted at Tox-Away Days. No document shredding will be available. No heavy trash will be accepted (furniture, mattresses, etc.).

**Questions? Visit [RecycleHC.org](https://RecycleHC.org) or call (317) 858-6070 for more information.**

### DOG COURTESY

When walking our dogs, we should use Doggy DoDo Bags; our dogs should be kept on a leash and under control at all times.



## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

### SCHOOL GROUNDS SHELTER:

To reserve the Shelter located on the school grounds, please call Fire Chief Dustin Strahl @ 317.442.5357.

### TOWN OF AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING



5046 Sycamore  
Street Amo, IN  
46103

Wi-Fi Available in the Community Building

### COMMUNITY BUILDING RESERVATIONS CONTACT

For scheduling the Community Building,  
please call Kelsey Freeman @ 317.734.6471

### BUILDING RENTAL RATES

Residents — \$25.00

Non-Resident — \$100.00

PAYMENT: Check payable to Town of Amo or Cash

*Rental Agreements must be signed and a 50% Deposit or full payment made prior to the rental date.*

### TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Quarterly Newsletter / Town of Amo Resource Guide

4th Quarter 2025 Newsletter Deadline: September 19, 2025. If you have submissions for the Newsletter, please e-mail to Becky Rhea @ rarhea23@gmail.com or call her @ 317.281.8996. All submissions are at the discretion of the Amo elected officials and the Communication Director.



<http://www.amoin.net>

Keep up to date on Amo events by checking out our Facebook page.



Town of  
Amo, Indiana

### TOWN COUNCIL

#### 2025 Town Council Meetings

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| ** January 9, 2025 | ** July 10, 2025  |
| February 6, 2025   | August 7, 2025    |
| March 6, 2025      | September 4, 2025 |
| ** April 10, 2025  | October 2, 2025   |
| May 1, 2025        | November 6, 2025  |
| ** June 12, 2025   | December 4, 2025  |

\*\* 2nd Thursday

Town Council meetings are held at  
the Amo Community Building @ 7:00 p.m.  
(Unless otherwise posted)

Everyone is welcome at the Town Council meetings.

#### Town Council:

President — Donna Watson  
President Pro Tem — Mark Wicks  
Council Member — Rene Gay  
Clerk-Treasurer — Barb Strahl

Town Council Board Term is  
1-1-2024 — 12-31-2027

TOWN PHONE NUMBER: 317.539.6030

### TOWN STREET LIGHTS

If you notice one of the Town street lights out, please contact Donna Watson @ 317.525.3759 so that she can report for replacement.

### AMO JAM

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING / 6:00—8:30 PM  
(Weather Permitting)

Open Mic / Impromptu

Bring your own musical instrument or voice.

Can't play an instrument or sing?

Just come, sit back and listen!

Donations accepted, but not required,  
to help offset cost of building rental. NO food please.

For additional information,  
Call Larry Burns @ 317.374.4672



## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### AMO BAPTIST CHURCH

4779 Pearl St.

PO Box 146

Amo, IN 46103

Rev. Shelly A. Zook

317.489.2988 / 1stbaptistamo@gmail.com

Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Follow us on Facebook, or contact our  
Pastor for more information.

### Mill Creek Fellowship (Formerly Amo United Methodist)

P.O. Box 84

Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Communion is celebrated

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

Amo Community Building

5046 Sycamore Street

Church contacts: Bill Bartlett: 317.501.6676

Angel Chattin: 317.539.3357

Follow us on Facebook, or contact any  
of our leaders for more information.



Although this news-  
letter is arriving after  
July 4th, we continue to  
give THANKS for the  
MANY FREEDOMS we  
ENJOY!

INDEPENDENCE DAY



## WEEKEND BACKPACKS

Hunger doesn't take  
the weekend off

### Backpack Donation Drop-off Locations During Open Hours

*Amo Pizza and General Street*

4964 Pearl Street, Amo

*Clayton Christian Church — 5110 IN-39, Clayton*

*Copper Top Customs — 4885 Iowa Street,  
Clayton*

*Ms. B's Teas — 4883 Iowa Street, Clayton*

*A&D Hardware — 7949 Main Street,  
Coatesville*



Don't forget to recycle your bottle caps for Thrive!! Amo Collection Boxes are located in Amo Pizza and General Store, Mill Creek West Elementary and Amo Community Building. Thrive collects the bottle caps for picnic tables and benches.

Other collection locations include all Front Offices of Mill Creek School Corporation schools, Clayton Library, 5199 Iowa Street, Clayton 46118.



**TOWN OF AMO**  
**P.O. Box 15**  
**AMO, INDIANA 46103**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL, HISTORY MUSEUM & PARKS BOARD MEETINGS:**

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, August 7, 2025 / 4:00 PM

PARKS BOARD—Thursday, August 7, 2025 / 5:30 PM

COUNCIL—Thursday, August 7, 2025 / 7:00 PM

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, September 4, 2025 / 4:00 PM

PARKS BOARD—Thursday, September 4, 2025 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL—Thursday, September 4, 2025 / 7:00 PM

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, October 2, 2025 / 4:00 PM

PARKS BOARD—Thursday, October 2, 2025 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL—Thursday, October 2, 2025 / 7:00 PM

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, November 6, 2025 / 4:00 PM

PARKS BOARD—Thursday, November 6, 2025 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL—Thursday, November 6, 2025 / 7:00 PM

**\*\* Second Thursday of the Month**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING  
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED**

**Box Holder**

**Amo, Indiana 46103**

**The Town of Amo**  
**Dumpster is NOT for**  
**Town Residents' Use**  
**TOWN'S DUMPING ONLY**



**WELCOME TO AMO**

